

**Dear Public Housing Authority (PHA) Executive Director, Section 8 Director/Manager, PHA staff, Realtors, Lenders, Appraisers, Real Estate Inspectors, Real Estate Title/Settlement Companies, Housing and Credit Counseling Agencies, Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE's), Nonprofit Housing Organizations, and Federal, State, City and County Agencies:**

Homeownership represents the realization of the American Dream for many families. It is also good public policy because it is known to promote social and economic benefits for the homeowners and the communities in which they reside, and it is often a key component of families moving to self-sufficiency. The Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program is a tool with enormous potential to increase the number of new homeowners.

In an effort to realize the potential of this program and share a few of its successes, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has joined with the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (NRC) in sponsoring a Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program (HCVHP) training workshop to be held in HUD's New England Region on June 22-24, 2005, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel (primary registration location), 39 Dalton Street, toll-free at (800) 325-3535 or (617) 236-2000, and the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington Street, toll-free at (888) 627 8279 or (617) 426-2000. You are welcome to choose from one of the two conveniently located hotels.

This event will include representatives of PHAs that operate successful homeownership programs, lenders underwriting loans under the homeownership program, State Housing Finance Agencies, as well as housing and credit counseling agencies. Our purpose is to assist PHAs to either create a homeownership program, or expand an existing one. The three-day homeownership training workshop will consist of:

Day 1 – Nuts and Bolts: Workshop Training to Create or Expand a Successful Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program (June 22).

Day 2 and 3 – Managing a Successful Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program/Best Practices: Managing strategies and panel discussions with PHAs in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut; State Housing Finance Agencies; lenders currently underwriting loans under the HCVHP; and housing and credit counseling agencies will also participate in the panel discussion (June 23-24).

Since these training workshops address a range of issues affecting the program, HUD and NRC are requesting your participation. Please complete the registration form and forward it directly to Marietta Rodriguez at the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation no later than Monday, June 20, 2005. The registration form can be found at [www.hud.gov/pih](http://www.hud.gov/pih) or [www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org). Ms. Rodriguez can be reached at [mrodriguez@nw.org](mailto:mrodriguez@nw.org), (303) 512-0512, or by fax at (303) 782-5568. You may also reserve your hotel room by contacting the Sheraton Boston Hotel or the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Please join HUD and NRC and

attend this important event. Together, we can help families achieve the American Dream of Homeownership.